

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that all of the claims of record (claims 21-39) are allowed.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the title of the invention as not being accurate. The Examiner suggests changing "SYSTEM" to --METHOD-- or the like. In response, the title has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, the title has been changed to --METHOD FOR CUTTING SUTURE--. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the title be withdrawn.

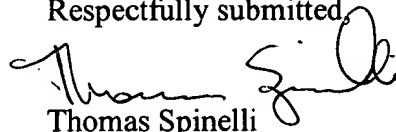
In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the Abstract of the Disclosure as being too long. In response, the Abstract has been deleted and replaced with a substitute Abstract having a length of between 50 and 150 words as is required by MPEP § 608.01(b). The substitute Abstract is attached hereto on a separate sheet for the convenience of the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the Abstract be withdrawn.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objects to the disclosure because it contains inconsistencies with the reference numerals shown in the figures. In response, the specification has been reviewed for any inconsistencies with the drawings and the specification has been amended to correct any such inconsistencies. No new matter has been entered into the disclosure by way of the present amendment to the specification. In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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Encl. (Substitute Abstract of the Disclosure)

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